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SERVICES OVER THE INTERNET

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the Detailed Description and add the following new claims 24-48 as follows:

In the Detailed Description:

In Paragraph No. 0019, please delete the word "duo" and insert the word "directory" in its place so that it reads:

A directory, according to the present invention, achieves this high ranking by advantageously employing related elements in each of the areas where a "typical" search engine locates relevant information. For example, as shown in Fig. 2, if a user was searching for widgets, a widgets directory, constructed according to the present invention, employs a descriptive domain name, such as, <http://www.widgets.com> 12. The present invention also employs the descriptive term or substantially similar descriptive term in the header 14 as well as the first paragraph of the text 16. The directory Web site also provides links to the Web sites of various suppliers who offer goods and services of the type described by the directory as well as a description of the supplier, including address and phone number and typically a

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